

Application Serial No.: 09/890,765
Reply to Office Action dated January 12, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 20 are presently active in this case. Claims 1-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 19 and 20 were indicated as being allowed.

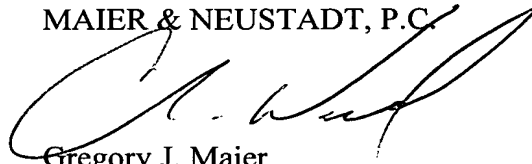
The Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered by the amendments set forth herein.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein, since they cancel all of the rejected claims and place the application into condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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